

QUESTION IN MANCHESTER

Shall Richmond or That City
Get Southern Railway
Taxes.

THE STREETS ARE IMPROVED

Judge Clopton Goes to Williams-
burg—Confederate Vete-
rans—Personal.

Manchester Bureau Times-Dispatch.
No. 1102 Hull Street.
Certain action of the Corporation Com-
mission will be fought in the City Cir-
cuit Court of the city of Richmond by
the city of Manchester, through its city
attorney, Charles L. Page, on Saturday.
The commission will be asked to show
cause why the assessment on the rolling
stock of the Southern Railway, which
has heretofore been taxed in Manches-
ter, should be changed to Richmond.

This is an important matter, so far as
Manchester is concerned, for it takes the
sum of about \$5,000 from the visible as-
sets of the city.

The Southern shops, and what pertains
thereto, have for years been the source
of considerable revenue for the city, be-
sides being the place of employment for
many citizens. The taxes must be paid
somewhere, and the city fathers cannot
see why it shouldn't be paid to Manches-
ter, as it always has been.

City Attorney Page will have Mr. Hill
Carter as his associate.
The commission will probably be repre-
sented by the Attorney-General and the
city of Richmond will have City Attor-
ney Pollard looking out for its interests,
making in all a brilliant array of legal
lights.

STREETS IMPROVED.
At the meeting of the Finance Com-
mittee last night, it was brought out
that the work planned for the year by
the Street Commission is about completed,
and the amounting to \$1,033.32 were ap-
proved for payment.

This committee had \$7,000 appropriated
to it in the last budget. About \$4,000 of
it was put into street improvements, and
the city in various sections shows the
results.

Larger appropriations will be asked for
in the next budget, when more perma-
nent improvements will be made.

The Finance Committee approved bills
and old other routine business. Those
present were: Chairman Bradley, Rudd,
Gwen, Huband, Tilley.

JUDGE CLOPTON GOES.
Judge Clopton will go to Williamsburg
on Thursday to hold Circuit Court for
Judge Blackstone, who is sick.

COUNCIL MEETINGS.
The first meeting of the Common Coun-
cil under the new arrangement, will be
held on Friday night.

The Board will meet on the following
Tuesday night.
CONFEDERATE VETERANS.
Joseph Johnston Camp, Confederate Vet-
erans, will meet at the City Hall on Thurs-
day night, when a social session will
be held around the camp fire.

A fine programme will be prepared for
the entertainment of the members of the
camp, and their friends.
SHOW ON FRIDAY.
Tom Charles' Merry-makers will give an
entertainment at the City Hall on Friday
night for the benefit of the Elkie Club
and a disabled Odd-Fellow. This com-
bination has been seen here before, and
has given general satisfaction, and it
is believed that a fine audience will greet
their reappearance.

NEGRO ARRESTED.
A negro named Luther Threat was ar-
rested last night by Officer Waymack on
the charge of threatening his mother-in-
law. He was later bailed for his appear-
ance this morning, and went away vow-
ing he would never again get mixed up
with his mother-in-law.

A young white man was arrested for
creating a disturbance at the home of
his father.

PERSONAL AND NOTES.
Mr. John T. Edwards has gone to
Newport News to accept a position with
the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone
Company.

Treasurer Brannan suggests that all
who wish to vote at the next election
should pay their capitation tax before
the 15th.

The water commissioners will meet in
the office of Superintendent C. H. Sharp
to-night.

Rev. Father Waters is detained at
home with a severe cold.
Mrs. Meigs, wife of the late Captain
F. P. Meigs, of the United States Army,
is the guest of Mrs. Z. A. Brodnax, No.
1509 Porter Street.

S. Ullman's Son is giving lessons in
jelly making at his place of business on
Hull Street.

In a Goodly Company.
Mr. John Stewart Walker, of Lynch-
burg, one of the leading real estate
agents of the State, was inadvertently
omitted from the list of gentlemen who
have called at the Merchants' Exchange
December 15th for the commendable pur-
pose of spreading the news of Virginia's
inducements to settlers.

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of old Virginia.

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900 DROPS

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Vegetable Preparation for As-
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INFANTS & CHILDREN

Promotes Digestion, Cheerful-
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NOT NARCOTIC.

Recipe of DR. J. C. FLETCHER

Apple Seed -
Aloe -
Castor Oil -
Ginger -
Sassafras -
Sulphur -
Turpentine -
Vanilla -
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A Perfect Remedy for Constipa-
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INVASION OF THE ISTHMUS

An Unconfirmed Rumor That
Three Thousand Soldiers
Are on the March.

AMERICAN GUNBOATS VIGILANT

(By Associated Press.)
COLON, Dec. 7.—A rumor is in cir-
culation here to the effect that three thou-
sand soldiers have left Cartagena for the
purpose of invading the Isthmus. No de-
tails are known, and the rumor cannot
be confirmed to-night. It probably had its
source in Port Limon, Costa Rica, where
it was brought by steamer from Car-
tagena. The only possible means of ap-
proaching Panama is by narrow and diffi-
cult mountain passes through the Indian
country. The United States cruiser At-
lanta is off the Indian coast.

GUNBOATS RECONNOITER.
Following instructions received Decem-
ber 4th from the Navy Department at
Washington, United States gunboats on
both sides of the Isthmus have started
or are starting on reconnoitering expedi-
tions along the coasts, principally in the
direction of Colombia, for the purpose
of ascertaining the condition of the
coast and roads through Panama and Colom-
bia frontiers, the facilities of the country
for sustaining expeditions marching on
Panama, and to generally determine the
United States' best course of action in
case of a Colombian invasion of the
Isthmus, and also to learn the attitude
of the various Indian tribes inhabiting
both coasts.

THE TREATY SHIPPED.
Consul-General Gudgeon to-day deliv-
ered the boxes containing the Panama
canal treaty to the purser of the City of
Washington, taking a receipt for them.
The two keys to the separate boxes, in
the inner one of which is the treaty,
will go to the United States in the cus-
tody of Major Guy L. Edle, of the medi-
cal department of the United States
army, who has been here for a fort-
night looking into sanitation measures.

ATLANTA'S MOVEMENT.
The United States cruiser Atlanta,
which has just finished charting Porto
Bello harbor and erecting a signal sta-
tion on a hill on the north side of the
harbor, left Porto Bello yesterday for the
coast of San Blas, fifty miles southeast
of Porto Bello, intending to open com-
munication with San Blas Indian chiefs,
for the purpose of ascertaining the con-
dition of the trails leading along the
coast towards the Colombian frontier
and whether they are available for the
movement of Colombian troops on Pan-
ama.

WATCH COLOMBIA.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The dispatch
of Darien is of great importance and interest
in connection with the rumor from Colon
of the departure of Colombian soldiers
for the Isthmus of Panama. This is
the first time that Colombian troops have
been seen in the vicinity of Colon,
and the cruise in those waters
will enable our commanders to keep in
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MAY VISIT FISHER IN NEW YORK CITY

Investigating Committee Write
to Ask if Agree-
able.

The Committee of Municipal Investiga-
tion, which is now engaged in sifting
rumors of corruption in connection with
the various fights for street railway fran-
chises before the Council within the past
five years, seems determined if possible
to get some statement from Mr. George
B. Fisher concerning his connection with
such matters here. Mr. Fisher has been
invited to appear before the committee
by letter, but has declined. Now the com-
mittee have written him a letter asking
if it would be agreeable for him to re-
ceive a subcommittee of the body in his
office in New York and give his testimony
to them.

The letter from the committee to Mr.
Fisher points out that the veracity of the
latter has been brought into question in
the investigation by certain witnesses,
and the opportunity is offered him to
vindicate his word. It is learned that if
Mr. Fisher agrees to receive a subcom-
mittee the following gentlemen will be
designated to make the trip to New York:
Messrs. Minor (chairman), Reynolds and
Anderson and City Attorney Pollard. It
is reported that Mr. Fisher will be here
soon, and that he will be asked to receive
the committee before he leaves the city.

PEACE AT LAST.
Negro Churches Together for
First Time in Twenty Years.

For the first time in fifteen or twenty
years the negro Baptist Churches of
Richmond are at peace. The finishing
touch was given last night. Some time
ago the First Church excluded John Mil-
lener, the negro editor, for certain pub-
lications, and refused to read him
him. The Fifth Street Church took him
in and the First Church promptly with-
drew the hand of fellowship from its
sister congregation. A short while ago, in
the interests of peace and harmony, the
First Church promptly agreed to read him
him. The Fifth Street Church appointed a
committee to consider the matter, and
the committee reported favorably. The
two congregations got together last night
and held a joyful and love feast at the
First Church. Milner was present and
made a speech. He will remain with the
Fifth Street Church.

There are about twenty-five negro
churches in Richmond, and for the first
time in many years they will now work
together. The pastors have been split up
into three conferences. They have now
agreed to unite and to hold one meeting
in the future.

GAVE THEMSELVES UP.
Two Negroes in a Hold-Up Case
Surrender.

John Morgan and Joe Goodie, two young
negroes charged with taking part in the
hold-up and robbery of John W. Smith,
last night, have surrendered themselves to
Captain Tomlinson at the Second Sta-
tion last night. The case will come up
in the Police Court this morning.

Two negroes deny that they had anything
to do with the robbery.
Ola Good and Jim Brown were ar-
rested last week in connection with the
affair, and were indicted by the grand
jury yesterday.

We Are Not Good Talkers

Don't have to be as the Carriages
of the manufacturers we represent
sell on the merit. Quality, quantity,
price does for us what clever talk
is forced to do for others.

We Represent the
Toomey Racing
and Road Carts
and Brockway
and Buckeye,

Columbus, Ohio.
Stylish, up-to-date and high-class
pleasure and business vehicles. Re-
pairing of all kinds and rubber-
tiring done. Bargains in several
high-class Victorias and Station
Wagons, also one Automobile.

Smith & Murphy,
314 North Fifth St.

TO CURTAIL PRODUCTION

Such Will be the Suggestion at
the Cotton Spinners' Meeting
at Charlotte To-day.

ALREADY ORDERED UP NORTH

(By Associated Press.)
CHARLOTTE, N. C., December 7.—At
the meeting of the cotton mill men in this
city to-morrow, it is expected that the
manufacturers from Rhode Island and
Massachusetts will favor curtailment of
production as the best solution of the
serious, if not threatening, condition con-
fronting the cotton mills in the United
States at this time. It is said that this
meeting will probably be the first at which
the manufacturers North and South will
meet in perfect harmony, having a com-
mon cause.

The Piedmont Mills.
(By Associated Press.)
GREENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 7.—Accord-
ing to reliable information gathered here
from mill sources, none of the cotton
manufacturing establishments in the Pied-
mont section will be forced to curtail
production on account of the high prices
of the raw product. So far as can be as-
certained, the cotton mills will not be
represented at the meeting in Charlotte
to-morrow, the object of which is to
decrease the amount of manufactured
goods. Invitations came here, but as
nearly all the mills have cotton they will
continue to run as heretofore.

Curtailed Ordered.
(By Associated Press.)
FALL RIVER, MASS., Dec. 7.—A cur-
tailment of production has been ordered
at the Chase cotton mills. The mills will
close on Wednesday night for the week,
resuming the following Monday, when
they will operate on a three days a week
basis for an indefinite period.

The mills employ 100 hands, and under
normal conditions use 10,000 bales of cot-
ton each year, with an annual product of
50,000,000 yards of print cloth, twills and
wide goods.

Wages Reduced.
(By Associated Press.)
BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 7.—The wages
of fifteen thousand cotton mill opera-
tives were reduced about ten per cent.
to-day in New Bedford, Fitchburg, Bal-
tic, Conn.; Taftville, Conn.; Fisherville,
Mass., and Pawtucket, R. I. The total
number of mill hands who have had
their pay lowered up to the present time
is about 80,000.

PETER MAHER KNOCKED OUT

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 7.—Peter
Maher, the Irish champion, went up
against United States Commissioner Craig
to-day and received a knock-out blow.
The prize of the contest was the Per-
kins citizenship papers. He is still
American citizen.

Fisher's second was John O'Sullivan,
who has stood beside him in many a
hard fought battle. O'Sullivan secured
a list of questions for his principal and
Maher studied them up. It afterwards
turned out that he had gotten hold of a
wrong list.

In the first round, Maher out-pointed
the commissioner. He gave his name,
his age, his place of birth and his gen-
ealogy as far back as was necessary.

"That's enough," said Craig, after the
examination.
Peter looked rueful. "Say," he said
out in the corridor, "that was the hardest
battle of my life. I was in it all right
at first. I knew my name and all
that, but after that I was a
dead one. Ain't the Constitution work-
in' and the declaration declared all
right."

"Well, then what of it to me? I was
under-trained; that was the matter."

KNICKERBOCKER GIRL A STUNNING YOUNG LADY

"The Knickerbocker Girl" is quite a
stunning young lady, and these who be-
came acquainted with her last night at
the Bijou voter her a jolly good fellow.
She is not the only girl in the company,
however, by any means. There are sev-
eral others, including Mary Marble, Fan-
nie Franks, who has trouble with her
shoe strings; Edna Nichols, the meas-
ure; the Frenchonetti, and a whole
lot of girls—golfers, bathers, yachts-
men, tennis players, sailors and soldiers.

The production is a good one, and an
old-time Monday night audience witness-
ed it.

Small Judgment.
In the Circuit Court yesterday verdict
for the plaintiff was rendered in the
case of the Gordon Metal Company vs.
the Virginia-Carolina Mining and Manu-
facturing Company for \$1.

Mr. Perkins Here.
Mr. J. D. Perkins, Commonwealth's at-
torney of Grayson county, is in the city
and will remain here several days.

Perkins is a son of the late Mr. J. W.
Perkins, who is sick at the Memorial
Hospital.

Richmonders in New York.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, December 7.—Barthold-
t, B. Gentry, Broadway Central-H. L.
Bloomberg, Albemarle-H. L. B. Buck,
Hoffman-Mrs. Stern, Mrs. G. W. Bin-
ford, Mrs. A. Dickinson.

VIRGINIA BREVITIES.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROANOKE, VA., Dec. 7.—Charles E.
Witt was arrested yesterday charged with
forging the name of Mr. J. B. Thomp-
son to checks amounting to \$5,000 and
obtaining money from the First National
Bank. Witt and Thompson were em-
ployed by D. W. Pilewsky in a
contract for the Norfolk Navy Yard.
Thompson deposited the money in bank.

Thompson went to Alexandria to work
and a friend of his who was there was
informed by him that he was in the
city. He was arrested by Dr. Sprinkles
and taken to the city. Thompson was
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LOVEYINGTON, VA., December 7.—The
trial of B. J. Allen, who was accused of
the murder of his nephew T. J. Allen,
closed Saturday night. The jury rendered
a verdict of acquittal after being out only
about twenty minutes.

Witt checked out his money.
HARRISON, VA.—An attempt
was made last night to burn Dr. C. C.
Sprinkles' automobile, but the machine
was saved, with only about a dozen
dollars' worth of damage. An automobile
owned by Dr. Sprinkles was
destroyed by fire several weeks ago.

CHARLES CITY, C. I., VA.—The
Bauer Cattle Company of Richmond, Va.,
and a firm of the Annapolis, Md., ship-
ped a first of the Annapolis, Md., ship-
ment of Monday, the 4th instant. These
were very handsome specimens of the
breed and were ordered from Chicago.
M. Beckley is one of the best cattle
identifiers in the Annapolis, Md., and
will prove very remunerative.

THE ONLY ONE

There is only One Genuine-Syrup of Figs,

The Genuine is Manufactured by the
California Fig Syrup Co.

The full name of the company, California Fig Syrup Co.,
is printed on the front of every package of the genuine.

The Genuine-Syrup of Figs- Is for Sale, in Original
Packages Only, by Reliable Druggists Everywhere

Knowing the above will enable one to avoid the fraudulent imita-
tions made by piratical concerns and sometimes offered by unreliable
dealers. The imitations are known to act injuriously and should
therefore be declined.

Buy the genuine always if you wish to get its beneficial effects.
It cleanses the system gently yet effectually, dispels colds and headaches
when bilious or constipated, prevents fevers and acts best on the
kidneys, liver, stomach and bowels, when a laxative remedy is needed
by men, women or children. Many millions know of its beneficial
effects from actual use and of their own personal knowledge. It is the
laxative remedy of the well-informed.

Always buy the Genuine-Syrup of Figs
MANUFACTURED BY THE

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.

San Francisco, Cal. New York, N. Y.
Louisville, Ky. PRICE FIFTY CENTS PER BOTTLE

TRUSTED WATCHMAN NOW UNDER ARREST

C. E. Fisher Charged With Tak-
ing Many Things From
C. and O. Cars.

Detective Gibson, Officer Wiltshire and
Special Officer Duke, of the Chesapeake
and Ohio, yesterday afternoon about 6
o'clock arrested C. E. Fisher at his home,
No. 618 North Eighth Street. He was
charged with stealing various articles
from freight cars, and on a search war-
rant a wagon load of stuff was found
at the house.

Fisher has been employed by the
Chesapeake and Ohio as a day watch-
man, at the Second Street yards, for a
number of years, and had been held in
the highest esteem by his associates.

The Chesapeake and Ohio detectives
have been working on the case for some
time. Complaints have been received
from persons who have shipped goods,
that the packages have been tampered
with and at last suspicion centered on
Fisher, and yesterday the local detec-
tives were put on the case. The result
was the arrest of Fisher.

When seen at the Second Station last
night he would not talk. He was broken
in spirits, and seemed to realize his po-
sition. He has a wife and four chil-
dren.

Among the articles recovered from the
residence of Fisher, were shoes of vari-
ous sizes and makes; cloaks, dress goods,
laces, embroideries, hose, ribbons, clocks
and other things. A trunk filled with
stuff, which has not yet been opened, was
also taken to the station house. This will
be opened this morning, when the case
will be called in the Police Court.

Convention of Students.
The next annual convention of Young
Men's Christian Associations in the the-
ological seminaries of the Eastern States
will be held at the Union Seminary, this
city, Messrs. H. H. Monroe, C. H. Pratt
and R. H. McCaslin, representing the
Union Seminary, have recently returned
from the triennial convention held in
Rochester, and bring this gratifying news.

ANIMALS AND DOLLS IN GREAT DEMAND

The sets of patterns for making ani-
mals and dresses for Christmas dolls,
being sold at The Times-Dispatch counter,
are in great demand.

The patterns were slightly delayed in
coming, and did not arrive until noon
yesterday, so that many who called in
the morning were disappointed and had
to come back. But when they got the
patterns, which fill the season's want,
they felt repaid for their interest.

Each set has five patterns, with full
instructions, and sells for 25 cents.

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE

The difference between good engrav-
ing and poor amounts to but few cents in
price, but in satisfaction the differ-
ence is considerable, and it is worth
something to know that your engrav-
ing is done right. Come in and talk
with us regarding wedding invitations,
visiting cards and the like. Or a few
suggestions for crest or monogram
for your writing paper, or the like, might
help you. A box of paper, with monogram,
or visiting cards engraved in latest
styles would be a good Christmas gift.

HUNTER & CO.,
220 EAST BROAD STREET.

LORRAINE COAL CO.
LAUREL AND BROAD,
COAL, COKE AND WOOD

Come Now to the Grand Opening of My New Store.